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SUBJ: RHODESIAN THREAT TO CUT POWER SUPPLY TO ZAMBIA---KAUNDA

DOUBTS VALUE OF WESTERN INITIATIVES ON SOUTHERN AFRICA :

REF: (A) LUSAKA 1573; (B) PRETORIA 2762

1. RHODESIAN MINISTER OF COMBINED OPERATIONS ROGER HAWKINS
THINLY VEILED THREAT TO CUT OFF THE SUPPLY OF POWER TO ZAMBIA
FROM THE KARIBA SOUTH HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT (PARA 7 REF B)
WAS REPORTED IN THE JUNE 8 ZAMBIAN PRESS. KARIBA SOUTH, LOCATED
IN RHODESIA, IS OPERATED BY THE JOINTLY OWNED CENTRAL AFRICAN
POWER CORPORATION. REPORTS CITE RHODESIAN SOURCES AS SAYING THAT
A DENIAL OF KARIBA SOUTH POWER TO ZAMBIA WOULD RESULT IN THE
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FLOODING OF THE ZAMBIAN COPPER MINES IN THREE DAYS. THE ITEMS ALSO
QUOTE ZAMBIAN SOURCES AS MAINTAINING THAT ZAMBIAN CONTROLLED HYDRO
PROJECTS AND STAND-BY THERMAL GENERATING CAPACITY CAN COMPENSATE
FOR ANY CUT-OFF OF KARIBA SOUTH SUPPLIED ELECTRICITY. THE RHODESIAN
THREAT WAS MADE IN THE WAKE OF AN ATTACK ON KARIBA TOWN JUNE 4
(REFTEL A). MEANWHILE, IN LONDON, PRESIDENT KAUNDA DISCLAIMED
ZAMBIAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE ATTACK ON KARIBA AND SAID THAT THE

ATTACK WAS MADE BY PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES.

2. THE DAILY MAIL REPORTER ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT KAUNDA REPORTED THAT AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN LONDON, KAUNDA SAID THAT HE WAS BEGINNING TO QUESTION IF THE WEST WAS SERIOUS ABOUT ITS INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND REALLY UNDERSTOOD THE ISSUE. KAUNDA ALSO REITERATED HIS "UTTER DISMAY AND DISGUST" FOR BRITAIN'S FORWARDING OF RHODESIA'S WAR THREAT AGAINST ZAMBIA. KAUNDA SAID ZAMBIA HAD LOST CONFIDENCE IN FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN AND HE WOULD HAVE TO "BUY ZAMBIA WITH HIS ACTIONS" TO REGAIN ITS CONFIDENCE. KAUNDA ALSO CALLED FOR THE SMITH REGIME TO HAND POWER OVER TO THE RHODESIAN MILITARY COMMANDER BECAUSE THE REGIME HAS LOST CONTROL OVER ITS TROOPS.
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